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1. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE #HEW), GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA) AND TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS (TTPI) ALL MAINTAIN SMALL OPERATIONS WITHIN US MILITARY FACILITIES AND AREAS ON OKINAWA. ALTHOUGH THESE AGENCIES MAY WORK CLOSELY WITH MILITARY OFFICIALS AND COLOCATION PROBABLY SAVES TIME AND MONEY, THEIR OPERATION WITHIN MILITARY FACILITIES IS IN VIOLATION OF SOFA. WHEN SLIGHTLY MORE VISIBLE AID OPERATION ON CAMP KUE CAME TO PUBLIC ATTENTION IN FEBRUARY, WE HAD TO ASK AID TO VACATE.

2. SOLUTION OF PROBLEM OF OTHER NON-MILITARY USG AGENCIES

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MAINTAINING THEIR OFFICES WITHIN MILITARY FACILITIES ON

OKINAWA IS OVERDUE. PRESENT SITUATION JEOPARDIZES CONTINUING FAVORABLE ADMINISTRATION OF SOFA AND THEREBY ACCOMPLISHMENT OF MISSION BY US FORCES. IT ALSO EXPOSES BOTH USG AND GOJ TO POTENTIAL POLITICAL EMBARRASSMENT WHICH, IT SEEMS TO US, COULD EQUAL JAPANESE POLITICAL OPPOSITION OUTCRY CAUSED BY AID DISCOVERY. CIVILIAN AGENCIES AND COMUSJAPAN ARE THEREFORE REQUESTED TO GIVE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION TO PROBLEM OF MOVING CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES TO APPROPRIATE OFF-BASE LOCATION. MOVE SHOULD BE COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT SERIOUS DISRUPTION OF AGENCY ACTIVITIES.

3. WHILE EARLY SOLUTION TO IMMEDIATE PROBLEM IS NEEDED, AGENCIES MAY WISH TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PROPOSED MOVE OF NAH CONSULATE GENERAL TO LARGER QUARTERS AND POSSIBILITY OF THEIR COLOCATION IN NEW CONSULATE BUILDING WHEN IT SHOULD BECOME AVAILABLE. RELOCATION TO VOA AREA, HOWEVER, CANNOT BE CONSIDERED SINCE IT WOULD VIOLATE PROVISIONS OF OKINAWA REVERSION AGREEMENT CONCERNING STATUS OF VOA.
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